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1. A method comprising the step of topically applying to a human or animal body in need thereof a therapeutic or prophylactic composition comprising at least one hydroxyacid as a free acid or salt form and a pharmaceutically or cosmetically acceptable vehicle for treatment of skin changes associated with aging.

12. A method comprising the step of topically applying to a human or animal body in need thereof a therapeutic or prophylactic composition comprising of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of 2 Hydroxyacetic acid, 2 Hydroxypropanoic acid, 2,3 dihydroxypropanoic acid, 2,3,4-trihydroxybutanoic acid, 2,3,4,5-tetrahydroxy-pentanoic acid, 2,3,4,5,6,7 hexahydroheptanoic acid, 2 hydroxy-2-methyl butanoic